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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON TEXTILE COUNTERVAILING PETITION

1. ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE SRI LANKA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO THE MINISTRY OF TRADE, THE AMALGAMATED CLOTHING AND TEXTILE WORKERS UNION FILED PETITIONS ON OCTOBER 31, 1977, WITH THE U.S. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS SEEKING COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON TEXTILES AND APPAREL IMPORTS FROM EIGHT ASIAN AND SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES. REPORTEDLY THE PETITIONS WERE FILED ON THE GROUNDS THAT SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN, INDIA, THE PHILIPPINES, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, AND COLOMBIA SUBSIDIZE THEIR EXPORTS THROUGH TAX REBATES AND EXPORT BONUSES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. WHILE SRI LANKA IS NOT AMONG THE EIGHT COUNTRIES AFFECTED, THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING A FREE TRADE ZONE AND HOPES TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT IN THE LOCAL TEXTILE INDUSTRY FOR INCREASED EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE. WHILE THE EXACT INCENTIVES TO BE GIVEN TO INVESTORS IN THE FREE TRADE ZONE HAVE YET TO BE DEFINED, TAX CONCESSIONS WILL BE PART OF THE INCENTIVE PACKAGE. THE MINISTRY OF TRADE HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE ABOVE COUNTERVAILING ACTIONS COULD AFFECT FUTURE TEXTILE EXPORTS
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FROM THE FREE TRADE ZONE TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COUNTERVAILING PETITIONS BROUGHT BY THE AMALGAMATED CLOTHING AND TEXTILE WORKERS UNION.
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